



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The department is amending WAC 388-444-0005, "Am I required to work or look for work in order to be eligible for Basic Food?"; WAC 388-444-0055, "What are the penalties if I refuse or fail to meet Basic Food work requirements?"; WAC 388-444-0065, "Am I eligible for Basic Food if I quit my job?"; WAC 388-444-0070, "What is good cause for quitting my job?"; and WAC 388-444-0075, "What are the penalties if I quit a job without good cause?"; and any other related rules.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.04.050; 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.903, 74.04.500, and 74.04.515

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The Community Services Division is proposing to amend rules under WACs 388-444-0005, 388-444-0055, 388-444-0065, 388-444-0070, and 388-444-0075 to update Basic Food work requirement rules to be consistent with federal regulations, and Washington approved Basic Food state plan.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) enforces the provisions of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as enacted in the 2008 Food and Nutrition Act and codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. The department will develop amendments to Basic Food work requirement rules that are consistent with the act, federal regulations, and our approved Basic Food state plan.

The state legislature authorizes the department to administer the SNAP and food assistance program for legal immigrants under RCW 74.04.500; 74.04.510; and 74.08A.120.

DSHS incorporates regulations from the federal agencies, exercises state options, and implements approved waivers of federal regulatory requirements by adopting administrative rules for food assistance programs administered under the Washington Basic Food program.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact: Bob Thibodeau, Program Manager

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